MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Malabar year. There is no Anchal Office. I have requested Government to kindly establish an Anchal Office there. So till the Anchal Office is established we have to send the money by postal money order.

The demand was put to the vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMANE XI—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND ADDITIONAL HEAD SIRKAR VAKIL'S OFFICE.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,500 for purchase of books for civil and sessions courts under 16 B. In the Budget for the Judicial Department, for 1102, Rs. 3,500 was sanctioned for the purchase of books for civil and sessions courts, The High Court have now represented to the Government that this amount is hardly sufficient for effecting purchases. In 1101, Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned. In 1102 also, Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned. But out of this, Rs. 2,500 was ear-marked for the purchase of the reprint of the Travancore Law Journal for the Magistrates' Courts. Hence it is found that the amount of Rs. 3,500 is not sufficient for the purchase of books for the civil and sessions courts.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what are the books purchased?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): A sum of Rs. 2,500 was ear-marked for the purchase of the reprint of the Travancore Law Journal for the use of Magistrates' Courts. Hence, the money allotted for the purchase of books for the use of civil and sessions courts was found insufficient. Formerly, only about Rs. 400 used to be sanctioned for the Magistrates' Courts and this sum was found insufficient.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): By civil courts, do you mean that all civil courts are included?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Except the High Court—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Are Panchayat Courts included?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): May I know what is the urgency in this matter?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): They do not as a matterof fa ct get even the usual allotment.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Do the Magistrate's Courts come under civil and session courts?

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No. They come under another head, *i. e.*, 16 C. But this item comes under 16 B.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the grant.

The grant was made.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2·5 P. M. and re-assembled at 3 P. M.

DEMAND XVII—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise te move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 8,891 under Demand XVII—Medical Department.

This amount is made up of four items. The first is for the purchase of bedding and clothing for hospitals and dispensaries from the Central Prison. In the budget the amount provided for bedding and clothing is Rs 11,000. Of this, Rs. 3,000 is to provide for bedding and clothing in the new wards in the General Hospital, the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, and the hospitals at Nagercoil, Kottayam and Alleppey. The balance which is intended to provide for bedding and clothing for all the hospitals in the State this year is Rs. 8,000. It is seen that for the supply of bedding and clothing for the whole year for all the hospitals in the State, the total amount required for purchase from the Jail as well as from the contractors comes to Rs. 16,896. The available grant is Rs. 10,409. Excluding the amount already spent, the balance required is nearly Rs. 6,500. This year, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, considered the question whether it is not desirable to purchase certain articles from the Jail rather than from the contractors. Such articles are blankets, *jamkals*, *mundus* and bedsheets. The Board is of opinion that articles supplied by the Jail are far superior in quality and therefore far more durable than articles purchased from the contractors, although it is admitted that the cost also is somewhat higher. The necessity for the additional grant is two-fold. First of all, there has been some increase in the supplies made to hospitals and secondly the provision made was on the basis of the contract of previous years which I said was at lower rates than the Jail rates. So that, taking the two together, it is found that about Rs. 6,500 more, is required to provide for bedding and clothing for all the institutions during the year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether beds have been added in the hospitals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. I mentioned the very outset that new wards have been opened.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How many beds have been added?

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